



TRAVELING THE FREE WAY
Give More – Free Your Time
Advent 3

December 16, 2018

10:30 am

Gathering Music

Away In A Manger

Marlene H
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Mary's Little Boy Child

Adult Choir

Call to Worship

* Caroling

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1,3)

HWB 178

HWB 212

Candle Lighting

John & Jennifer H Family

Story

John 3:16-17 and Lighting

Silence

Offertory

Adult Choir

Carol Medley

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing and Prayer *(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)*

Prayer of the Congregation

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

Mary, The Lord's Servant

* Song

STS 11

No Wind At The Window

* Blessing

* Choral Benediction

Adult Choir

Carol of the Bells

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.....	<i>Marshall A</i>	Slides.....	<i>Jennifer H</i>
Worship Leader.....	<i>Deb S</i>	Sound.....	<i>Nathan G</i>
Song Leader.....	<i>Jerry F</i>	Sanctuary Prep.....	<i>Advent</i>
Accompanist.....	<i>Marlene H</i>		<i>Decorating Team</i>
Children's Time.....	<i>Deb S</i>	Ushers.....	<i>Team C (Chuck S)</i>
Special Music.....	<i>Adult Choir</i>		

Welcome

Welcome to Faith Mennonite Church. We are glad you are here.

If you need a **listening assistance device or a large print bulletin**, please ask an usher.

Please be sure to let us know you were here today by signing your name on the Friendship Sheets as they pass down the pews during Sharing Time. Guests, please feel free to include your contact information. To join our all-church email list, place your email address next to your name.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to

- Worship together as a community of faith,
- **Invite everyone to share the gift of God's love,**
- Nurture each other in the faith,
- Serve others in the spirit of Christ, and
- **Proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.**

CHILDCARE

*For children ages three (3)
and under during worship*

- 12/16: Verda D &
Kathryn P
- 12/23: Jody H &
Pam S

GREETERS

Front Door

- 12/16: Jody H
- 12/23: Becky A

Back Door by Kitchen

- 12/16: Ken J
- 12/23: Harlan B

SUNDAY AT FAITH CHURCH

THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THEME this year is *Traveling the Free Way*. We will be mixing traditional and contemporary forms of worship. Let the Board of Worship know your impressions of how well God is worshiped during this season at Faith Mennonite.

CHILDREN'S TIME will include collecting school kit supplies from the congregation. School kits are provided to children around the world so they can receive an education. Plan your shopping accordingly.

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 - 1 all metal pencil sharpener

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THANK YOU ... What a generous group of people you are! The children and parents will be very happy. ALL the angels were accounted for and delivered! We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you! ~ *Board of Witness & Outreach*

PASTOR RANDY ... Will be taking time off December 17-22, 2018, and December 31, 2018-January 7, 2019. He may be contacted for urgent pastoral matters.

BOARD, COMMITTEE & REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ... Are due to the church office by noon on Thursday, December 20, 2018. If at all possible, please submit them in word document format via email at office@faithmenno.org. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ... Will be a service of carols, scriptures, and candle lighting for all ages. The children will help tell the Christmas story from Luke in costume. Board of Christian Education will provide and help the children with their costumes. Children should arrive about 20 minutes early to get in their costumes. The service begins at 6:00 pm.

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YEAR-END REQUESTS ... From the Church Treasurer:

- 1.) All outstanding bills and requests for reimbursements should to be turned into the church office by the 16th of December, so that payments can be made before the end of the year from this year's budget.
- 2.) Due to the way the holidays fall this month, I am requesting that all contributions for the end of 2018 be in the church office by Sunday, December 30th. A final deposit will be made on December 31st at noon.
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Thank you for your help by responding to these requests. ~ *Jo K, Treasurer*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Praise God For...

- The many families who participated with the angel tree and the Board of Witness Outreach Committee who organized and distributed the gifts
- The helpers who provide care and meals at New Hope Shelter
- All the leaders in our church who are so willing to give of their time and talent to help make our church community function

Pray For...

- Church Council as they select a new search committee
- Our members in assisted living, health care, and rehab:
 - **At Kidron Bethel:** Jake & Lola F, Elma H, Bill & Maurine R, Richard S, John & Hulda S
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- Those who are struggling with chronic health conditions
- Bringing our country together this holiday season

Western District Conference ...

Pray for WDC chaplains and pastors who offer caring ministry to those seeking healing, hope and comfort.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

THIS CHRISTMAS ... Consider giving alternative gifts through Mennonite Central Committee! With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Visit mcc.org/christmas or call our office for details.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS! ... The Western District Conference Resource Library (2517 N Main, North Newton, KS). is decked out in its Christmas finery. Come take a look and go home with a good book! (or DVD). There are stories for all ages, pictures to color, giant Advent posters, and scratch off ornaments to make. We will mail books and other Christmas fun to you! Just let us know, crib@mennowdc.org. We're open 8:00 am-5:00 pm all week! (Closed December 24-January 1.)

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PLEASE SUPPORT ... Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) at Mojo's December Community Soup Night! Bring your bowl to Mojo's Coffee Bar on Thursday, December 20, 2018, 5:00-6:30 pm, for homemade soup and live music by Ellie B and Kate S. All proceeds will go towards OVM. For more information, visit offendervictimministries.org.

MANAGING DIFFERENCES WITHIN FAITH COMMUNITIES ... Is offered January 3-4, 2019, by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College. Registration is now open at www.kipcor.org (Managing Differences within Faith Communities link), or call KIPCOR. Scholarships and discounts are available, please contact your church office for details. *Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

KNOW JESUS 2019! Join us on February 9-10, 2019, for "Know Jesus" at Hesston College. "Know Jesus" is an event to help our 6th-8th Grade Youth learn about their rich Anabaptist heritage and to promote growth in their relationship with Christ now. Early registration is open to January 26, 2019. You may find all the details and registration information at <http://mennowdc.org/know-jesus-2019/> or see registration information on the table in your church foyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes For All Ages -- 9:00 am

Winter: Dec 2, 2018-Jan 6, 2019

Children & Youth

Nursery/Preschool.....Rm 207-UL
"Journeys with Jesus"
 Teacher: Brenda M

K-4th Grade Rm 103-LL
"Journeys with Jesus"
 Teachers: Leslie H & Stephanie T

Middle School (Gr 5-8) Rm 105-LL
"Journeys with Jesus"
 Teachers: Jon H & Tammy P

High School (Gr 9-12).....Rm FYG-LL
"Journeys with Jesus"
 Teachers: Marshall A, Mike D, Oris S

Adults

Lamp Lighters Rm 125-LL
"Missional Essentials"
 Teacher: Shari S

Cornerstones..... Rm 124-LL
"Our Love for God"
 Teachers: Class Members

Open ClassOpen Area-LL
"Journeys with Jesus"
 Teachers: Class Members

UL =Upper LevelLL = Lower Level

This Week (12/17/2018 to 12/25/2018)

Tuesday

5:30 pm Board of Christian Education
6:30 pm Board of Administration

Wednesday

7:30 am Ladies Breakfast @ The Breadbasket

NOON December Board Minutes & January Calendar Items Due to Church Office

Faith's Wk @ New Hope Shelter

NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm HS Youth Group

NO Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

NOON All Reports for the Church's Annual Report Book Due to Church Office

Faith's Wk @ New Hope Shelter

Friday

Church Office Closed

Faith's Wk @ New Hope Shelter

Saturday

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Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00-9:15 am Faith Kids Sing
(Children's Sunday School will follow)

10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

Faith's Wk @ New Hope Shelter

Monday (12/24)

Church Office Closed

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday (12/25)

Church Office Closed

Merry Christmas!

Please have all announcements and calendar items for next week into the church office by ***noon on Wednesday.***

Attendance for December 9, 2018

Sunday School: 76

Worship: 154

Board of Administration's Contact Person For December:

Mike S

Board of Deacons' Contact Person For December:

Janet E



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